📞 +1(818)-835-2515 🚫 HP PRINTER "CARTRIDGE LOCKED" – CAN ONLY BE USED IN ORIGINAL PRINTER! 📞 +1(818)-835-2515 – HP CARTRIDGE PROTECTION – DISABLE IT IN EWS NOW! 📞 +1(818)-835-2515

Introduction: The "Cartridge Locked" Nightmare

You have just installed a brand new HP ink cartridge. You are ready to print your important documents. But your HP printer screen suddenly displays a frightening message: "Cartridge Locked – Can only be used in original printer."

Your heart sinks. You bought this cartridge from a trusted store. You paid good money for genuine HP ink. Yet your printer is telling you this cartridge is locked to another printer. Why is your HP printer saying "cartridge locked" when you know it is the right cartridge?

The culprit is a feature called HP Cartridge Protection. This security mechanism is designed to prevent cartridge theft and fraud. But it often causes major headaches for users who accidentally trigger it. When your printer displays the error "cartridge locked – can only be used in original printer," it means the cartridge has been permanently locked to a different HP printer. The good news is that you can disable HP Cartridge Protection in EWS (Embedded Web Server) and unlock your printer.

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What Does "Cartridge Locked" Mean?

Understanding HP Cartridge Protection

HP Cartridge Protection is a feature that links a specific ink cartridge to a single printer. Once activated, the cartridge can only be used in that original printer. If you try to use the cartridge in any other HP printer, you will see the error: "Cartridge Locked – Can only be used in original printer."

This feature was introduced to combat cartridge theft and ensure that stolen cartridges cannot be used in other printers. Unfortunately, it can also lock legitimate cartridges to printers that you no longer own or to printers that have been replaced.

Why Does This Happen?

The error "cartridge locked – can only be used in original printer" typically occurs in one of these scenarios:

- You bought a used or refurbished cartridge that was previously locked to another printer
- You accidentally enabled Cartridge Protection on your printer
- You received a cartridge from a friend or colleague that was used in their printer first
- You sent your printer for repair and received a different replacement unit

In all these cases, HP Cartridge Protection has locked your cartridge to another printer. Your printer is rejecting the cartridge because it does not recognize it as its own.

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How to Fix the "Cartridge Locked" Error

The solution to the "cartridge locked – can only be used in original printer" error is to disable HP Cartridge Protection in EWS. The Embedded Web Server is a built-in interface that allows you to manage your HP printer settings through a web browser. Here is how you can do it:

Step 1: Find Your Printer's IP Address

To access the EWS, you first need to know your printer's IP address. You can find this by printing a configuration page or checking the network settings on your printer's control panel. Look for the IP address under the network or wireless settings.

Step 2: Access the Embedded Web Server (EWS)

Open a web browser on any device connected to the same network as your printer. Type your printer's IP address into the address bar and press Enter. This will open the HP Embedded Web Server page.

Step 3: Navigate to Cartridge Protection Settings

Once you are in the EWS, look for the System tab or Settings menu. From there, find the Cartridge Protection or Supply Protection option. This is where you can manage the settings for HP Cartridge Protection.

Step 4: Disable Cartridge Protection

You will see two options:

- Enable Cartridge Protection
- Disable Cartridge Protection

Select Disable Cartridge Protection and save your changes. Your printer will no longer lock cartridges to a specific printer. This will prevent future "cartridge locked" errors.

Step 5: Restart Your Printer

After disabling Cartridge Protection in EWS, restart your printer. Reinstall the cartridge that was giving the "cartridge locked – can only be used in original printer" error. The printer should now accept the cartridge.

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Which HP Printers Support Cartridge Protection?

HP Cartridge Protection is available on many HP printer models, including:

- HP OfficeJet Pro series (8000, 9000, 8700, 7700)
- HP LaserJet enterprise models
- HP PageWide printers
- HP DeskJet and ENVY models with newer firmware

If your printer supports HP Cartridge Protection and you are seeing the "cartridge locked" error, you need to disable HP Cartridge Protection in EWS to resolve the issue.

Alternative Solutions

Update Your Printer Firmware

Sometimes, a firmware update can resolve the "cartridge locked – can only be used in original printer" error. But be cautious — firmware updates can also introduce new restrictions. If you decide to update, make sure to disable automatic updates afterward.

Use a Cartridge Reset Tool

Some third-party tools can reset cartridge memory and remove the HP Cartridge Protection lock. However, these tools are not always reliable and may void your warranty. The safest and most effective method is to disable HP Cartridge Protection in EWS.

Contact Professional Support

If you have tried accessing EWS and still cannot fix the "cartridge locked" error, do not waste more time. The error "cartridge locked – can only be used in original printer" can be resolved quickly by experts who understand HP printers inside out.

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Our team specializes in resolving HP cartridge protection issues. We can guide you through the EWS process or help you disable HP Cartridge Protection remotely. We help you:

- Access the Embedded Web Server
- Disable HP Cartridge Protection permanently
- Unlock your cartridge
- Ensure your printer accepts all cartridges

Why Choose Professional Help?

The "cartridge locked – can only be used in original printer" error is frustrating and confusing. You should not have to deal with it alone. When HP Cartridge Protection locks your cartridge, you need a solution that works.

We have helped thousands of HP printer users overcome this exact problem. Whether you have an OfficeJet, LaserJet, or PageWide printer, we know how to fix the "cartridge locked" error caused by HP Cartridge Protection.

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Final Thoughts

It is incredibly frustrating when your HP printer says "cartridge locked – can only be used in original printer." You bought the cartridge to print, not to troubleshoot complex security features. But the good news is that you can disable HP Cartridge Protection in EWS and get your printer working again.

Do not throw away your expensive ink. Do not buy a new printer. The solution is simple when you know what to do.

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Get your HP printer working again today. We are here to help you disable HP Cartridge Protection in EWS and unlock your cartridges. Do not let HP Cartridge Protection stop you from printing — call now!

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